

Wallsburg, Utah Bands

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## GEORGE ALFRED CORDON DABLING AND ADA GLENN

George Alfred Cordon Dabling was born July 28, 1863, in Midway, Wasatch County, a son of George Dabling of Worksop, Nottingham, England, and Esther Richman of East Moulton, Higatelin, England, immi-

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grants of 1855. He married Ada Glenn on July 3, 1882. She was born April 19, 1864, a daughter of Robert Wilson Glenn, an LDS convert, in 1850, and Sarah Williams George died at Soda Springs, Idaho, July 3, 1925 and is buried at Lund, Idaho. Ada died in Salt Lake City on November 5, 1946, about 10 days after her oldest son, George Harvey Dabling, died. She is buried at Lund, Idaho.

George A. C. Dabling was the only son of his parents. He had a little sister, Elizabeth Ann, who died in Maryland, where they first lived, when she was two years old. His mother wanted him named George, after his father and his father wanted him named after the man who had converted and baptized him into the LDS church, Alfred Cordon, so the little boy was given this name. Being a small family, they were always very close and he told of a very happy childhood in Midway.

He accompanied his parents on a mission to Arizona when he was in his early teens. He told of many adventures he had then. On their return to Utah, they settled in Wallsburg, where George A. C. entered into the life of the community, with the good will, and shared love of music and entertainment which characterized his whole life. Like his parents, he always was active in Church work, holding many offices.

He met and married Ada Glenn. In their family was the same deep love and devotion as was in his parents' home, although they were never very rich in worldly goods.

George A. C. never had a music teacher, but he could play the organ, mandolin, guitar, violin and all kinds of brass instruments. He had a fine singing voice, like his father, and organized choirs and glee clubs and helped put on operettas and concerts. He taught all of his children to play instruments and other instruments were brass. This band was in demand for dances and entertainments in Wallsburg and later in Idaho. He organized and directed a brass band in Wallsburg, called the "Silver Cornet Band," because one of the cornets was silver and all the other instruments were brass. This band was very popular, being the only one of its kind in the county at the time. During the Spanish American War they used to go to Heber to serenade the boys when they left for the Army. Mr. Batty, Jim Wheeler and Jim Adams were named among the band mem-

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bers. This band gave Sunday afternoon concerts too.

After his father's death he and his mother opened a store. He served as postmaster for several years and the first telephone in Wallsburg was installed in his store, the old crank and bell style. For a time, the calls — mostly news of deaths or other serious emergencies — were relayed to the townspeople through this single phone.

During this time, their home burned to the ground and only a few personal effects and clothing were saved. The townspeople rallied to their aid as was the custom then and a dance was held after the fire, and furniture, bedding, clothes and food were brought to help them get started again. They were always so grateful for this help and often talked of it long after they left Wallsburg.

They left Wallsburg in the early 1900s. They lived in Provo Canyon awhile, in Heber and then Provo, where the twins, Lillie and Lisle, a little girl and boy, were born in 1906 and died the same day and were buried by their grandfather in the Wallsburg Cemetery.

About 1900 they settled in Lund, Idaho, where George worked on a ranch until he homesteaded a farm for himself. They stayed till 1925, when he died. They all worked actively in the Church and they were the center of music and entertainment.

Ada was a good wife and mother. She taught school in Wallsburg during her early married life and always worked in all the Church organizations wherever she lived. After George's death she moved to Salt Lake and made her home with her oldest daughter, Ada Esther Phillips, and visiting her other children. She was a teacher in the Eighth Ward, Liberty Stake, and did Temple work as long as she was able. She had an alert interest in local and national affairs. She also had many friends.

Their children: Ada Esther, Annie, Sarah Leslie, George Harvey, Nettie, Glenn, Ray, Leila, Mona, Harry, Lillie, Lisle.